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SUBJECT: JAPANESE ROLE IN ECE TIMBER COMMITTEE

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1. IN FOLLOW-UP CALL BY ECON/COUNS, KATAYAMA (HEAD, INTERNATIONAL TRADE DIVISION, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF) STATED THAT GOJ BASICALLY HAD NO OBJECTION TO REQUESTING OBSERVER STATUS IN ECE TIMBER COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO KATAYAMA, PROBLEM HAS ARISEN IN THAT FORESTRY AGENCY, WHICH IS PART OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (MAF), BELIEVES THAT IN VIEW OF TECHNICAL NATURE OF COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION IT SHOULD SEND REPRESENTATIVE FROM TOKYO WHEREAS MAF SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THAT GOJ REPRESENTATION CAN BE HANDLED BY ONE OF MAF OFFICIALS RESIDENT IN EUROPE AND THEREFORE UNWILLING PROVIDE TRAVEL FUNDS FOR FORESTRY AGENCY.

3. KATAYAMA PROMISED TO LOOK INTO STATUS OF THIS MATTER AND ADVISE EMBASSY. IN CONNECTION WITH GOJ PARTICIPATION, HE INQUIRED WHETHER USG HAD ANY SPECIFIC PURPOSE IN MIND IN REQUESTING THAT GOJ SEEK OBSERVER STATUS OTHER THAN GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE MENTIONED REF A. HE WONDERED, FOR EXAMPLE, WHETHER USG SOUGHT GOJ ASSISTANCE IN WORKING ON FORECAST OF TIMBER SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

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